



# Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **Massachusetts Fire Services Staffing**

#### **Application Deadline: August 21, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) announces the availability of funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Specifically under this AGF, subject to the availability of funds, approximately \$20 million in U.S. Department of Education State Fiscal Stabilization Government Services Fund Recovery Act funds will be awarded to local fire departments through a competitive process. The primary purpose of these funds is to help agencies address those staffing reductions incurred since July 1, 2008 that significantly impact public safety. This is a one-time grant that will provide funding for up to 12 months.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training, then Recovery and Reinvestment – Public Safety and Security).

### **Massachusetts Municipal Police Services Staffing**

#### **Application Deadline: August 21, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) announces the availability of funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Specifically under this AGF, \$5.9 million in Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Recovery Act funds will be awarded to local law enforcement agencies through a competitive process. The primary purpose of these funds is to help agencies address those staffing reductions incurred since July 1, 2008 that significantly impact public safety. This is a one-time grant that will provide funding for up to 12 months.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Funding & Training, then Recovery and Reinvestment – Public Safety and Security).

### **2010 Statewide Highway Safety Youth Program**

#### **Application Deadline: August 27, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is pleased to announce the availability of a total of \$300,000 in federal funds for units of government or not-for-profit organizations with a public purpose to administer components of the FFY 2010 Statewide Highway Safety Youth Program. The grants resulting from this funding opportunity will be awarded to two separate entities. The goal of each program is to reduce crashes and fatalities among young people in Massachusetts. The major initiatives of this program are to increase seat belt use and reduce speeding, impaired driving, and underage drinking.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety).

### **Drug Court Training Initiative**

#### **Application Deadline: August 28, 2009**

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is now accepting applications for funding for the Calendar Year 2010 Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Training Initiative offered through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This national training initiative is designed to assist communities develop DWI Court Programs and is conducted in cooperation with the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Under this initiative, communities will be selected to participate in a facilitated planning process that will begin in March 2010.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) (click on DWI Court Training Initiative) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617.725.3334 or [Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us](mailto:Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us).

## **Research and Publications**

### **Massachusetts Intimate Partner Homicide Review: An Overview of District Attorney Cases between 2005 and 2007**

The Research and Policy Analysis Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security recently released this report which is the result of an EOPSS-initiated review of intimate partner (IP) homicides around the state. The Research and Policy Analysis Division designed a 52 question IP homicide data collection tool (or survey) that was sent to the 11 state District Attorney's Offices to collect data on all IP homicides between 2005 and 2007. This report contains detailed characteristics of the 47 IP homicide cases that occurred in Massachusetts between 2005 and 2007.

Access full text at: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Publications and Reports).

### **Analysis of Intimate Partner Homicides in Massachusetts: An Overview of Supplementary Homicide Report Cases between 1986 and 2007**

The Research and Policy Analysis Division of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security also recently released this report which presents an analysis of Supplemental Homicide Report (SHR) data collected through the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. This report offers a more general analysis of intimate partner homicide cases in Massachusetts over 21 years. The goal of both this report and the previous report is to gain a deeper understanding of the prevalence and characteristics of intimate partner homicide in Massachusetts.

Access full text at: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on Publications and Reports).

### **Aviation Units in Large Law Enforcement Agencies, 2007**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report examines specialized aviation units operating fixed wing planes or helicopters in law enforcement agencies of 100 or more sworn officers. Based on data from the 2007 Census of Law Enforcement Aviation Units (CLEAU), the first national study to examine the nature and extent of airborne law enforcement, this report includes statistics on types and characteristics of aircrafts operated by these units, functions performed, equipment used, expenditures, personnel, and training. Safety and training requirements and plane versus helicopter comparisons, are also included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/aullea07.pdf>.

### **PREA Data Collection Activities, 2009**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to complete an annual comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape. The Act requires BJS to base their sample on not less than 10 percent of all Federal, State, and county prisons, and a representative sample of municipal prisons. This report details the data collection sources BJS plans to utilize to be fully compliant under PREA.

Access full text at: <http://ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pdca09.pdf>.

### **Expanding Police Ability to Report Crime: The National Incident-Based Reporting System Compares NIBRS to UCR**

This NIJ “IN short” provides an overview of National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) versus Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) to report and analyze crime. This brief discusses UCR limitations and stresses the advantages of using NIBRS data.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/225459.pdf>.

### **Police Recruitment and Retention in the Contemporary Urban Environment**

Sponsored by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the National Institute of Justice, this report summarizes the presentations, discussions, and opinions offered at the 2008 national summit on police recruitment and retention in the contemporary urban environment. Topics discussed at the summit, and addressed in this report, included: changing workforce issues, lessons learned from other organizations, current strategies, and an analysis of police recruiting and retention in selected cities.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/CF261FINALCompiled.pdf>.

### **National Summit on Intelligence: Gathering, Sharing, Analysis, and Use after 9-11**

Sponsored by Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, this report summarizes the findings from the 2007 COPS/IACP Intelligence Summit. The report includes recommendations for law enforcement agencies on how to effectively share information and intelligence while also protecting privacy and civil rights.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/RIC/Publications/IntelSummitReport.pdf>.

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **2009 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**August 9-11, 2009 in Bellevue, WA**

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Association, the IJIS Institute, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference will showcase programs and technologies aimed to help criminal justice practitioners and lawmakers address existing and impending public safety issues. Chief Gil Kierlokowske, director of the White House Office of Drug Control Policy and former chief of the Seattle Police Department, has been invited to give the Keynote Address.

For more information: <http://www.national-forum.net/>.

**NIJ 10th Mapping Conference: Solving Problems with Geography and Technology**

**August 19-22, 2009 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, the focus of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Mapping Conference will be understanding crime and public safety using geography and technology. Workshops and plenary sessions will discuss traffic safety, neighborhood policy, the geographic aspects of sex offender residency restriction laws, and defining high crime areas. Preconference seminars on using ArcGIS will be held on August 17 and 18.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=17&e=c9e87fa2-759d-4bb3-a42d-91841ca7dfa2>.

**NOVA's 35th Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference**

**August 23-27, 2009 in Scottsdale, AZ**

Sponsored by the National Organization for Victim Assistance, this conference will offer a variety of workshops and plenary sessions on: advocacy for specific populations; child victimization; criminal justice; domestic violence; management development; professional development for advocates; technology; and national advocate credentialing. Keynote speakers include: US Attorney Diane J. Humetewa, The Honorable Collene Campbell, Craig Scott, and David Fitzsimmons.

For more information: <http://www.trynova.org>.

**15th Annual Public Education Conference**

**September 23-24, 2009 in Devens, MA**

Sponsored by the Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Public Fire & Life Safety Education Task Force, this conference boasts a line-up of workshops designed to appeal to both teachers and firefighter-educators. The keynote speaker will be Fresno CA Fire Chief Randy R. Bruegman, an author and lecturer on leadership and managing change in the fire service. Registration deadline is September 8, 2009.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) and click "What's New".

**Annual Child Passenger Safety Conference (CPS)**

**September 28, 2009 in Leominster, MA**

Hosted by the Massachusetts Highway Safety Division, this conference brings together technicians, instructors, injury prevention specialists and CPS advocates and is a great way to get the latest information on many CPS topics, as well as obtain continuing education units to maintain CPS certification.

For more information please contact the program administrators at [cps@fisher.edu](mailto:cps@fisher.edu) or 978-877-6002.

**Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse**

**September 29-30, 2009 in Providence, RI**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, the goal of this training is to teach participants how to identify, respond to, and prevent elder abuse. Topics covered include: types of elder abuse; settings where abuse may be found; characteristics of perpetrators; prevalence of abuse; and the role of victim service professionals and allied professionals as interventionists.

For more information: <http://www.seiservices.com/OVCTTAC2009/ElderAbuse.asp>.

### **Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) 28th Annual Conference**

**September 30-October 03, 2009 in Dallas, TX**

Sponsored by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, this conference offers symposia, workshop presentations, poster sessions, discussion groups, and advanced clinics which will highlight new developments in victim and perpetrator research and treatment. ATSA will also offer a selection of intensive half and/or full day Pre-Conference Clinics, focusing on extensive training and skills improvement, in addition to the conference schedule.

For more information: <http://www.atsa.com/conf.html>.

### **116th Annual IACP Conference and Exposition**

**October 3-7, 2009 in Denver, CO**

Sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, this conference highlights current issues, trends, and lessons learned in the field of law enforcement. Topics include, but are not limited to, strategies for leading change in police culture, less than lethal issues, online learning and operational support, public law enforcement and private security collaboration, violent crime, use of force issues, training, and case studies.

For more information: <http://www.theiacpconference.org/index.cfm>.

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Herald Gives Antigun Activists a Win**

***The Boston Herald*, July 24, 2009**

Under pressure from Citizens for Safety and other organizations, the Boston Herald recently decided to stop distributing Uncle Henry's Swap or Sell it Guide in the Boston area, according to *The Boston Herald*. Most gun listings in Uncle Henry's, which is based in Maine and distributed across New England, are placed by sellers from Maine and New Hampshire, where private firearm sales do not require background checks. The guide, public safety officials say, not only allows criminals to purchase guns that would be illegal here, but also allows them to circumvent Massachusetts' much stricter gun-ownership requirements.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/main/articles/2009/07/24/herald\\_to\\_stop\\_distributing\\_maine\\_catalog\\_that\\_has\\_guns\\_for\\_sale/?page=full](http://www.boston.com/news/local/main/articles/2009/07/24/herald_to_stop_distributing_maine_catalog_that_has_guns_for_sale/?page=full).

### **AG, Legislators File Bill to Upgrade Crime Law**

***The Boston Globe*, August 4, 2009**

The state's top prosecutors and more than a dozen legislators filed a sweeping anticrime bill that would make money-laundering a state crime, update the state's antiquated wiretapping statute, and create a racketeering law to target organized criminal groups, reports *The Boston Globe*. The latest proposal would allow the state to prosecute members of criminal enterprises who engage in a pattern of racketeering activity, and could be used to target organized crime, street gangs, identity theft rings, drug cartels, and human trafficking groups. The proposed revisions would also, for the first time, allow police to seek court orders seeking telephone wiretaps in public corruption investigations. The money-laundering law would allow the state to prosecute people or criminal groups that knowingly launder money that is derived from criminal activity.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/08/04/ag\\_legislators\\_file\\_bill\\_to\\_upgrade\\_crime\\_law/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/08/04/ag_legislators_file_bill_to_upgrade_crime_law/).



### **Menino Pushing for Police as Flaggers**

***The Boston Globe*, August 5, 2009**

Mayor Thomas M. Menino has proposed reworking state laws governing the use of police details on city roads, a politically sensitive issue that could challenge one of Governor Deval Patrick's key initiatives, reports *The Boston Globe*. The mayor submitted a home-rule petition to the City Council that, with state approval, would require construction projects to have police details on roads that have heavy traffic volume, even if the speed limit is below the 45-mile-per-hour benchmark set by the state. The mayor's proposal is meant to target projects, including state construction work, on thoroughfares such as Dorchester Avenue, and major evacuation routes such as Massachusetts Avenue.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/08/05/menino\\_pushing\\_for\\_police\\_as\\_flaggers/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/08/05/menino_pushing_for_police_as_flaggers/).

## **Announcement**

### **Recovery Act: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program**

On March 24, 2009, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Commonwealth. Once the award is secured, EOPSS will make funding available in the form of grants. EOPSS will announce relevant details in the weeks to come. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

### **Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines 2009**

The Secretary of Public Safety, on behalf of Governor Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Murray, recently announced the Massachusetts Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines. The Guidelines are designed to be a comprehensive document that will help guide law enforcement personnel in their investigations of sexual assaults and provide critical resources necessary to ensure a comprehensive response to victims. The Guidelines are being distributed broadly to encourage a statewide uniform response to sexual assault investigations.

Access full text at: [http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/2009\\_SA\\_Final\\_6-9-09.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/2009_SA_Final_6-9-09.pdf).

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